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Our Office of Quality Performance has developed several profiles that we apply to all cases that are waiting for a hearing. One profile identifies cases that are most likely to be "on the record" allowances at the hearing level that can be handled by a Senior Attorney. This profile was developed based on data from the ALJ Peer Review and considers variables such as age, reason for denial and primary impairment coding.

A second profile identifies cases that may have been inappropriately denied. This profile was developed from data from the Quality Assurance sample and considers variables such as age, reason for denial and primary and secondary impairment coding.

Another profile identifies cases that may have been denied inappropriately because of insufficient evidence. This profile was developed from data from the ALJ Peer Review and considers variables such as age, reason for denial, primary and secondary impairment coding, and whether we paid for evidence.

These latter two profiles are used to determine if the DDS should look at the case again under our informal remand program.